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NOTE ON A NERVE PIERCING THE WALLS OF AN ARTERY.

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Many years ago, when acting as curator at St George's Hospital, I met with a curious example of an artery, the walls of which were pierced by a nerve. I had a drawing of the specimen made at the time from which the figure is taken, but the preparation itself was not preserved.

After removing the brain, and on turning it over so as to examine the base, I observed that one of the roots of the left hypoglossal nerve pierced the wall of the left vertebral artery, where it was in relation to the medulla oblongata, a little below the pons. It then emerged through the opposite wall, and joined the other root fibres before it reached the nerve trunk. This condition, if not unique, is so rare that it seems worthy of being recorded.